GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1307
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AERIAL SURVEY ON MINES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether aerial survey has been expedited for promotion of exploration and mining of minerals in the country especially in backward and rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the outcome thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether exploration work has been assigned to some foreign companies during the last three years, till date;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to assign survey work to the Indian companies?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a) & (b) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) to (e) : No, Sir. As per the provisions of the Mines and Minerals [Development and Regulation] Act, 1957, the State Government may grant mineral concessions to only an Indian National or a company registered under Section 3 (1) of the Companies Act, 1956.